



HAVE YOU HAD A CLIENT COMPLAIN OF EFFLORESCENCE STAINS ON THEIR BALCONY?

Fortunately, there are a number of processes to minimise the occurrence of efflorescence:

1. Provide positive fall in the substrate to eliminate the pooling of water.
2. Include an additive in the screed that will prevent water from passing through the screed.
3. Apply a secondary layer of waterproofing membrane to the cured screed, which prevents water from entering the screed.

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"One of the most common member enquiries we receive in the Building Services section nationally relates to problems with tiled balconies and the occurrence of efflorescence."

Efflorescence is increasingly becoming a costly and aesthetic problem for new home owners and it is now your responsibility as a **building maintenance defect***. The first step in minimising efflorescence is to gain an understanding of how it forms:

Efflorescence occurs when mortar or concrete remain saturated for long periods of time. This activates lime or other salts within the masonry to be dissolved, migrating to the surface where the water evaporates leaving the white salts deposited on the surface and walls as efflorescence.

Multiskill can solve this problem and save you future costly maintenance expense and client dissatisfaction

WE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU TO ORGANISE A MEETING WITH A VIEW TO ELIMINATING EFFLORESCENCE ISSUES FROM YOUR HOMES

*Master Builders Guide To External Waterproofing: Balcony Decks Chapter 9.1 and 9.2 2007 Edition

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